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### **GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES MORE THAN 200 NEW JOBS FOR MECKLENBURG COUNTY**

**RALEIGH** – Gov. Mike Easley announced today that The Shaw Group, a provider of technology and engineering services to the power, environmental and infrastructure industries, will expand its Charlotte office, creating more than 200 new jobs for Mecklenburg County.

“The Shaw Group’s decision to expand its presence here in North Carolina shows that we are making the right investments in the right places at the right time,” Easley said. “Our strong emphasis on education and workforce development ensures that companies such as The Shaw Group can continue to grow here and that our state remains highly competitive in the new global economy.”

These new jobs will be primarily engineering and support positions for the scrubber market, retrofitting coal-fired plants to meet the proposed Clean Air Act, and other energy projects. The average salary for the new employees is expected to be about \$75,000 a year plus benefits.

The Shaw Group, headquartered in Baton Rouge, La., has more than 19,500 employees in locations around the world, such as North America, South America, Europe, the Middle East and the Asia-Pacific region. The Charlotte office currently has 250 employees and provides engineering, procurement, construction and maintenance services to the energy and chemicals market.

“We are very pleased to expand our Charlotte office and to reinforce our commitment to our North Carolina operations,” said J.M. Bernhard, Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of The Shaw Group. “Our Charlotte office is a strategic location for Shaw as it offers a strong base of engineering and design talent to support existing and anticipated opportunities in the improving energy market.”

For more information about possible job opportunities with The Shaw Group, visit [www.shawgrp.com](http://www.shawgrp.com).

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